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The Home April 1858

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L.H.

My darling daughter,
I hope you received my note, by your uncle Baker, & have given him some of your black things, which you can replace by new. A decent skirt or two, would come in good time, for me to wear with my black silk tunique. I also hope you have sent the lace bonnet. Calhoun, as you may suppose, is delighted to be so near home, but I tell him I expect he will change his tune, for he will probably find it stricter than he has been used to. He goes tomorrow. He would have gone last week, but waited for the Calverts. I wrote you George & Charley had the measles, & now Ella &

them but lightly - Mr Calvert
has sent us ~~several~~ of the
Peabody strawberries, & we have
planted quite a bed, so next
year I hope we shall enjoy them.
They are very large, (wont go into a
wine glass they say) & fine flavoured.

The two piazzas are finished ex-
cept the graveling of the roofs
but we have been much delayed
by rain, & it is now raining
hard, which is very bad for
that, tho excellent for every
thing else. The Home, & the country
around are looking beautifully -
The lilacs are nearly out. I left
the bushes at the two ends of
the piazza, which look very
pretty, & smell very sweet.

Mr Bosch, Mr Brown, (the
sculptor) & his wife, & a Mrs
Yale, drove out to day & staid
to dinner. We expected Bosch
but the others we did not. How-
ever we had a very nice din-
ner & they all enjoyed them-
selves. I have just gone. I am

With the effort of entertaining
them, & I have a head ache, &
it is so dark I can hardly
see to write, & if it were not for
your disappointment, I would
not write, but I must not miss
your weekly letter, lest you should
be uneasy.

Mr Brown has just finished the
finest bust I ever saw of your
grandfather. It is perfect, both as
a likeness & a work of art, & he is to
give us a cast. He is making it
as a model of the monument
to be erected to your grandfather
in Carolina, & I do hope they will
give him the commission, for he
is a man of genius, & will do it
justice. He is a very interesting man
& we see a good deal of him. Mr
Borch, as usual, asked after you
& sang your praises. I suppose
he thinks it the best way to please
you. I do want to see you my
darling so much & hope your
aunt B. will run on with you
she speaks of doing. You will
think when you see how

improves & how pretty she is getting.
Her behavior is nicely when we
have company, & every one takes
great notice of her, in which she
delights, & receives with a shy air, which
is very pretty. All are amused
to hear her talking German so fluently.
I heard from your grandmother
last week. Your uncle P. was daily
improving, but he was to stay
some time in Charleston where
your grandmother would
join them, but the days we
must not expect them before
May.

I have just finished my dress which
fits very nicely & looks quite
decent for me & I shall keep it
for Bethsmoot. You see I am
quite coming out in dressing.

Tell your aunt B. it was my
firm intention to write her this
week but as your father has written
& I am so tired I will delay till
next. I am glad she is so much
better. I thought the European plan
could not be true but Mrs Wood
was so positive about it she almost
made me believe it.
I am in love & kind regards
from devoted nephew